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INTERCLASS MEET

Last Saturday afternoon the Interclass Track Meet occnred on Steuben Field. The date, originally set, was Thursday, but the event had been postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather. Not in many years has such an interset been shown in the Interclass Meet. This was undoubtedly due, to some extent at least, to the innovation of a handicap system.

There were medals for the winners of first and second places, which further increased the interest among the contestants.

There were 150 entries. The 100 yard dash was the first event of the afternoon. Won by Hull, 2 Colson, 3 Roenke. Time, 10 2-5 sec.

One mile run: Won by Smith, 2 Renwick, 3 Stube. Time, 5m. 4s.

220 yard dash: Won by Babcock, 2 Roenke, 3 Peters. Time, 27 sec.

120 yard hurdles: Won by Brasted, 2 Conklin, 3 Wilson. Time, 17 3-5s.

Half mile run: Won by Gaige, 2 Knox, 3 McLean. Time, 2m. 10s.

220 yard hurdle: Won by Roenke,2 Glover, 3 Leavenworth. Time, 29s.

440 yard dash: Won by Smith, 2 Babcock, 3 Spencer. Time, 52⅕s.

Two mile run: Won by Abbott, 2 Smith, 3 Renwick. Time, 10m. 40s.

FIELD EVENTS

16-lb. shot-put: Won by Sherwin, 2 Baldwin, 3 Cody. Distance, 36ft. 5in.

High jump: Won by Leavenworth, '10, 2 Colson, 3 Brome. Height, 5ft. 7in.

16-lb. hammer throw: Won by Sherwin, 2 McLean, 3 Cody. Distance, 109 feet 10 inches.

Broad jump: Won by Colson, 2 Spencer, 3 Martin. Distance, 19ft. 9in.

Pole vault: Won by Wilson, 2 Leavenworth, '10, 3 Leavenworth, '09. Height, 10ft. 6in.

HAMILTON vs. SYRACUSE

The Syracuse team found it easy to defeat Hamlton last Monday, taking the game at 19-0. Most of the men must have been nervous, if one may judge from the number of errors made. Each man seemed glued to a base when he got there, and two-baggers counted only as singles. If more chances had been taken on base running, Hamilton would probably have scored, having chances in the fourth and again in the ninth.

HAMILTON

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Judson ss.	3	0	0	1	2	4
Clark 2b.	3	0	1	3	4	1
Allen 3b.	4	0	1	0	4	1
Cody 1b.	4	0	1	16	0	0
Sarles cf.	4	0	0	1	0	2
White c.	3	0	0	3	1	2
Smith lf.	4	0	1	0	0	1
Lewis rf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Daly p.	3	0	0	0	5	4
Totals	32	0	5	24	16	15

SYRACUSE

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Morrissey lf.	6	3	1	0	1	0
Raaflaub ss.	6	4	1	0	1	0
Power 2b.	3	1	1	0	4	1
Mack cf.	5	2	2	0	0	1
Brown 3b.	2	2	0	1	3	1
Stein rf.	3	1	0	1	0	0
VanArnam 1b.	4	3	2	17	0	1
Dallard c.	4	2	1	7	2	0
Gardner p.	2	1	1	1	5	0
Whitmyre p. (6th)	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	37	19	9	28	17	4

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Syracuse ..2 2 7 0 5 0 1 2 *—19

Two-base hit, Morrissey; sacrifice hits, Power 2, Brown, Stein 2; VanArman, Gardner, Mack; stolen bases, Clark, Raaflaub, Dallard; hits, off Daly 9, off Gardner 5; struck out, by Gardner 2, by Daly 3, by Whitmyre 2; base on balls, off Daly 3 off Gardner 1, off Whitmyre 1.

THE HOBART GAME

Hamilton lost to Hobart 8—1, in the second game of the trip, Tuesday, at Geneva. The Hamilton aggregation earned the sole run to their credit, and the Hobart team earned but one of theirs, errors being largely responsible for the rest. Allen changed places with Manion in the second.

HAMILTON

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Judson c.	4	0	1	5	1	0
Clark ss.	4	0	1	1	3	1
Allen 3b, p.	3	0	0	2	2	0
Cody 1b.	4	0	0	5	0	3
Lloyd 2b.	2	0	0	2	4	1
Smith lf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Lewis cf.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Hatfield rf.	4	1	2	3	0	0
Manion p, 3b.	3	0	0	2	1	2
Totals	32	1	5	24	11	7

HOBART

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Johnson cf.	3	0	1	1	0	1
Howell ss.	5	0	1	1	0	0
Williams 2b.	5	1	1	1	2	1
Wood p.	3	1	0	2	3	0
Palmer rf.	4	1	0	0	0	0
J. Rippey 1b.	5	1	2	9	0	0
Cowan 3b.	5	1	1	2	1	0
F. Rippey c.	3	1	0	11	0	0
Whedon lf.	3	2	1	0	1	0
Totals	36	8	7	27	7	2

Hamilton ..0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0— 1

Hobart ....0 3 1 0 1 1 2 0 *— 8

Earned runs, Hamilton 1, Hobart 1; two-base hits, Lewis, Williams; base on balls, off Wood 1, off Manion 3, Allen 3; left on bases, Hobart 13, Hamilton 8; struck out, by Allen 3, by Wood 9; passed balls, Judson 4; hit by pitcher, Manion 2, Allen 1, Wood 2.

THE ROCHESTER GAME

Hamilton played a good game of ball on Wednesday, ending the trip by playing the U. of R. a hot, fast game in Rochester. The game was remarkably free from disastrous errors. In no inning in which an error occurred was a run scored. Both Hamilton runs were earned, and Rochester earned only two. Daly's pitching was cool and consistent, excepting in the sixth inning,when three hits, made into the left garden, and one base on balls, brought in four runs. Grant hit for three bags in the sixth and scored the fifth run. Hamilton won its two runs in the fourth.

HAMILTON

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Judson ss.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Clark 2b.	4	0	0	4	4	0
Allen 3b.	4	1	3	0	0	0
Cody 1b.	3	0	0	8	0	1
Welch c.	4	1	2	4	2	0
Smith lf.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Lewis cf.	4	0	0	4	1	2
Hatfield rf.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Daly p.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	32	2	6	24	9	3

ROCHESTER

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Cassidy 1b.	4	0	0	12	0	0
Grant ss.	4	1	1	2	0	0
Burling 3b.	2	1	1	3	1	1
Ramaker 2b.	4	1	2	0	2	0
Harrington lf.	2	1	0	0	0	0
Morrison c.	4	1	1	6	2	0
Lawless cf.	2	0	1	0	0	0
Lawson p.	3	0	0	1	3	0
Dunn p. (8th)	1	0	0	0	2	0
G. Ramaker rf.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	30	5	7	25	10	1

Earned runs, Hamilton 2, Rochester 2; three-base hits, Morrison, Grant; two-base hits, White, Smith, Burling; base on balls, off Daly 4, off Lawson 1; left on bases, Hamilton 5, Rochester 8; struck out, by Daly 5, by Lawson 3, by Dunn 4; double plays, Clark-Cody, Lewis-Clark, Clark-Judson; hit by pitcher, Burling.

MAY "LIT." CRITIQUE

It is natural that a somewhat meticulous misgiving should attend my effort to speak of the May "Lit.," and for two reasons: First, because of the precedent which has been established for me by the review of the last number; and, second, because of the quality of that which I am asked to criticise.

The fact is so obvious that its statement must seem trite, the "Hamilton Literary Magazine" for nineteen seven and eight has attained and sustained a standard never before in its history equaled or attempted. It is so singularly free from "copy" and crude articles, and so replete with clever, facile and entertaining writing, that at times we have been almost surprised at its excellence. Throughout the entire year it has been a source of pleasure and of pride. But that of which it is an indication is the most gratifying part about it. For it shows that the College has awakened to a new appreciation. Its pages evidence that there has grown a general, or perhaps it would be better to say, a more general appreciation for literature and books. And, as a natural result, a love of ideas and their expression, a feeling for words and the possibilities in them, in short, a literary discretion.

The work of Woolcott and Dounce in prose is certainly far above collegiate standard, and the verse of Truax and Dounce seems much of it poetry. I am not tautological, I use the term "poetry" with extreme care, and distinguish it from most of that which is so called.

But there were, I fear, reservations to the space allowed me and I must confine myself to the point at issue.

The May edition seems to me considerably inferior to its predecessors. Less care and blue pencil have been expended. Phil Welch's poem on the first page—well, what shall I say about it? It reminds us somewhat of Poe diluted with nine parts water; it is rather pseudo-sombre; it does not please us. It affects us much as a ghost story told in the broad noon. Nor do I like the metre. It is of that sing-song, expectant variety. The kind that makes us never satisfied until we have read the next line, and then so sorry when we have. It is of that variety of which contributors to the current magazine seem so fond, but perhaps I am too harsh. This line, "The moon was cold and white and round," is rather commonplace; to say that it was "white and round" is in the year 1908 A. D. applying to the poor old overworked moon rather superfluous epithets.

"The Way of Damon" is clever, but far beneath Dounce's ability. It is, however, well told—I may say very well—and its redeeming feature is the local color, which is skillful and accurate. It is time that Hamilton should have a literature of her own, and in it K. P., with its attendant Freshmen program-passers and its Stone Church audience, and all the rest, deserve a place.

"Special Delivery," by Welch, is rather better than his verse on the first page. It belongs to the "Fluffy Ruffles" school of fiction and is particularly new neither in theme nor in treatment, but is probably better than most of the midsummer magazine articles.

The "Amorous Cracksman" is rather a juvenile production.

Hasting's "Water Lilies" and "The Day Dreamer" are not improved by being in the same issue with Dounce's "Chapel Ode." Hasting's lilies are rather innocuous and pretty. "The Day Dreamer," it seems to me, might have equally well been written in prose. It lacks thrust and feeling. It reminds us of Tennyson at his worst.

I proceed to that which is obviously superior to the rest of the issue, "The Chapel Ode." So good is this, so unusually good, that we are surprised to find it in a college magazine. At times the cadence and the sweep of the verse are positively Miltonic. It is beautiful! The genuine unsullied feeling of the poet is here. We read along and such lines as "Lacing the firs, upreared like spectres grim," "Flung from her faded nuptial couch of stars," "His golden throat," and others, astonish us for the depth, the beauty and the purity of their ring. Keats-like it often is; and now I have run the gamut of praise. Surely college verse seldom rises to this height. There is here what verse writers must have—an innate love for words; he who would essay it must have spent long nights and days amid their sonorous presences. I am so pleased with this piece of work that I do not like to comment adversely upon it. But I suggest that, beautiful as it is, the spirit of the thing is not in harmony with the theme; the langorous and exotic richness are here, but they are not at all in keeping with the subject. The figure of the morning star, tho luxurious indeed, leads us quite away from the Chapel bell. But I doubt much if poetry—I use the word discriminatingly—can be written which lacks this spirit I am striving to describe. Such surely is the keynote of the shining harmonies of Shelley.

I was somewhat disappointed in Rudd this month. his "women" in the last few numbers of the "Lit." were so good. His portrayal of the vacuous feminine mind have been so vivacious, clever and intelligent, that I suppose I had my appetite all "whetted up" for another profound dialog on the relative merits of tan shoes and Shakespeare. But, even so, the tale of them who brave the "awful Hook" was interesting.

The editorial on the Curriculum is timely. Mandeville should go. His is an outworn theory. To attempt to make set rules and then to say that any sentence may be brought under some one of them is like dictating set requirements for table manners. Of course it is as well not to eat with one's knife or use more than three forks at once, but to say just how and at what angles and distances the various implements should be balanced, would be, if not absurd, impossible.

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TODAY THE TRACK TEAM meets R. P. I. at Troy. The Troy aggregation is strong and of proud record. Yet the spirit that our wearers of the spikes have displayed augurs well. Our material is not exceptional, but the unusual initiative and assiduity of team, captain, coach and management have won our merited confidence. We hope for, and expect, a victory.

THE COLLEGE SMOKER was successful. Never do we get together at such an event without spontaneously uttering a desire that we might more often enjoy such. But once beyond the spell of the occasion we soon forget its charm and it is a half a year or a whole year before we are wise enough to hold another. Dr. Stryker's suggestion of monthly gatherings elicited universal approval. As a cold proposition it merits at least a trial. Let us think it over, and next Fall, if our verdict is favorable, let us put it to a fair test. The Hill should be the scene of both our work and play. A "homelike little college" sounds attractive. Th College has been planned with the aim of making it the seat of recreation; it was that idea that prompted the donation of the Bowling Alleys. In no way can that plan be better consummated than by these monthly dinners, simple as they may be. It may lead us to smoke, it may lead us to sing. but it will lead us together, and that is the goal. An interclass quartet contest, an interclass "amateur night" contest—any old thing, as long as we succeed in making Hamilton even more Hamiltonian.

ONLY TWO MORE VARSITY TENNIS matches are to be played on the College courts this season. The Syracuse University team is here today and Cornell plays on the Campus on May 29th.

Syracuse played against Union at Schenectady yesterday and is especially desirous of winning the match against the Varsity today. Captain Watson, on the other hand, is optimistic and believes that we have good chances for a victory.

The Cornell team includes Hamilton in a trip comprising matches with Michigan, University of Wisconsin, and several western colleges .

Cornell defeated us early in the season by a score of 6-1 on heavy courts, and before the Varsity team had been definitely picked. A different result is looked for in the return match.

Colgate's Tennis department is still in an "unsettled condition," and it is not probable that a match can be arranged for this year.

Manager Beck has been somewhat embarrassed by the lack of support and enthusiasm accorded his department so far this season, and hopes to see a much larger crowd out this afternoon than attended the Union match.

The team and management are certainly deserving of support, so everybody out this afternoon.

COLLEGE SMOKER

The College Smoker of last Saturday was a true communion of fellowship and enthusiasm such as reanimates the College and links closer that traditional spirit which Hamilton connotes. The men were ushered to their seats by the most obliging porters who ever purchased their complexion and waited upon with the most ingratiating dispatch and thoroness. But the lust for "tips" was lacking and that spoiled—pleasantly, perhaps, but nevertheless spoiled—the illusion. The refreshments could not long delay the demand for speeches. Each faculty member had been fairly pounced upon and dragged to some class table by the various vigilance committees, and lucky was he if he had recovered his breath before he was called upon for the inevitable. Coach Baxter spoke encouragingly of the work done by the Track men and urged a longer season for the future. Prof. Babcock won unstinted applause by his appeal for a greater Hamilton without concessions to athletic spirit or lowering the high standard. Dr. Stryker spoke for quality and for those things in College life that are better than athletic prowess or scholarship. His suggestion for a monthly meeting of this type where the men can sing, yell, "smoke if they must," and foster College spirit met the approval of everyone who was under the spell of the meeting. Prof. Ward upheld his popularity as a versatile after-dinner speaker. He had been routed from his organ practice for no other purpose and was followed by Prof. Wood, who spoke of the high position which the undergraduates of Hamilton occupied in the athletic world, on account of the healthful spirit of their sports. Prof. Wood had also arrived late—from his camp upon Fourth Lake, which he described to us. "Sicard" and "Dick" followed with a little bout and then the distribution of prizes. Each man marched to his prize amid the cheers of his class and the hall was not allowed to become quiet until after the strains of Carissima had ended an evening of unequalled delight and College fellowship. It is to be hoped that a decided impetus was given to Track athletics.

TENNIS

Hamilton and Union again broke even in tennis at Schenectady last Wednesday, each team winning three matches. The singles were spirited and close in most cases; on the whole, a better exhibition of the game than in the last tournament. It was gratifying to see both Watson and Conklin win the singles which they lost in the first Union match. Their sets were fast and well played. Day won easily over Buck. Getman lost to King after a three-set match.

The doubles were played in a heavy rain, which absolutely prevented any attempt at good playing. The courts were so slippery that it was next to impossible to follow the ball, while at times the rain was so thick that the balls were seen with difficulty.

The scores are as follows:

Capt. Watson beat C. Potter, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; Conklin beat A. Potter, 4-6, 7-5, 11-9; Day beat Buck, 6-0, 6-1; Getman defeated by King, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

C. Potter and King beat Watson and Day, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0; A. Potter and Buck beat Conklin and Getman, 6-1, 6-3.

Arrangements are being undertaken to secure a third match to decide the tie.

THE INTERACADEMIC SPEAKING

The Ninth Annual Contest of Interacademic speaking was held in the Chapel on Saturday last as scheduled. To make the contest as fair as possible it is to be noticed that none of the larger city schools were represented this year, with the one exception of Kingston. It was the opinion of the judges that the contest, as a whole, was somewhat above the average in past years. While usually there is some one man who far excells all the others, such was not the case this year; even the judges could not arrive at a unanimous decision for either of the two first places.

Roy A. Porter was first to speak, and first in the opinion of the judges. His declamation was a good one, tho not strictly new to us. He showed enthusiasm and used a good voice to great advantage. Mr. Porter came from Albion. The second prize was awarded to Robert J. Waldron of Glens Falls. There were two reasons why Mr. Waldron had difficulty in gaining the attention of the Chapel at first: his declamation was one which every man in College remembered from Smith's Reading and Speaking as an exercise in elocution; then, too, he had a peculiarity of inflection which was soon recognized as a mannerism. In spite of these handicaps, he soon made everyone listen and showed a technique and power of interpretation which gave him the well-deserved place. George F. Kaufman of Kingston deserves mention. Had he made some use of gestures one of the prizes must have been his. His presence upon the rostrum was perhaps the most pleasing of all the speakers. A dramatic piece was well rendered by Fred King of Ilion.

The judges were Prof. Hull of the State Education Department, Prof. Wight of the Clinton High School, and Prof. Babcock of our Faculty. The prizes were distributed by President Stryker after repeating Prof. White's welcome to the contestants.

FRESHMAN—U. F. A. MEET

100 Yards Dash—First, Colson (H); second, Bailey (U. F. A.); third, E. Jones (H). Time, 11 seconds.

12 lb. Shot-Put—First, Jones (U. F. A.); second, Richardson (H); third, Wisehart (H). Distance, 39 feet 9 inches.

880 Yards Run—First, Gaige (H); second, Rowe (U. F. A.); third, Grant (U. F. A.) Time, 2:18.

12 lb. Hammer Throw—First, Richardson (H); second, Jones (U. F. A.); third, Wisehart (H). Distance, 93 feet 4 inches.

120 Yards Hurdle—First, Colson (H); second, Carey (U. F. A.); third, Flagler (H). Time, 20 seconds.

220 Yards Dash—First, Colson (H); second, Bailey (U. F. A.); third, Peters (H). Time, 25 seconds.

Mile Run—First, Rowe (U. F. A.); second, Grant (U. F. A.); third, Gaige (H). Time, 5:34 1-5.

High Jump—First, Colson (H); second, Carey (U. F. A.); third, Flagler (H) and Wilder (H). Height, 5 feet 2 inches.

440 Yards Dash—First, Colson (H); second, Bailey (U. F. A.); third, Peters (H). Time, 57 3-5 seconds.

220 Yards Hurdle—First, Carey (U. F. A.); second, Gardner (H); third, Wilder (H). Time, 29 3-5 seconds.

Broad Jump—First, Colson (H); second, Martin (H): third, Hatfield (U. F. A.) Distance, 19 feet 4½ inches.

Two Mile Run—First, Grant (U. F. A.); second, Rowe (U. F. A.); third, Wilder (H). Time, 12:05.

Pole Vault—First, Colson (H); second, Martin (H); third, Richardson (H). Height, 8 feet.

Total points, first, second and third positions giving 5, 3 and 1 points respectively: Hamilton Freshmen 68, U. F. A. 49.

MSS. PRIZE OF '91

The Committee for the awarding of "The '91 Manuscript Prize" has been appointed by the various publications as follows: Hamilton Literary Magazine, Clarence Leavenworth; Hamiltonian, Paull Baum; Hamilton LIFE, Mossman McLean. The prize, it will be remembered, is offered by Messrs. Samuel H. Adams and George M. Weaver, Jr., for a period of five years beginning in 1906 and the award of $20 was made to Woollcott, '09, for 1906 and Dounce, '10, for 1907. Poetry is excluded from consideration and the manuscripts may consist of "fiction, descriptive narrative, editorials, and contributions upon subjects of contemporary college interest." The existence of this prize has unquestionably accomplished its purpose in "stimulating creative interest as expressed in contributions to the regular college magazines," and the Committee will find no small task in making its decision.

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HILL NOTES

—Sec. Root, '64, House, '99, R. P. Davis, '04, Wright, '05, Grossmeyer, '07, were on the Hill last week.

—Wills, '10, left the Hill Thursday for a short visit at his home in Oswego.

—The great question now to be solved is: "Who paid the sole admission to the Sophomore-Colgate game last Wednesday afternoon?"

—Richardson, '11, left Friday for his home in Lowville on account of sickness in the family.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Sherman, a daughter.

—At a meeting of the Freshman class last Tuesday, it was decided to make the class tax a class assessment.

—The new Tennis Courts are nearing completion.

—Nixon, '11, left College last Thursday for an extended trip abroad. He expects to make up his work and continue with his class.

—Bate, '08, who sprained his ankle quite seriously in the Track Meet last week, is improving rapidly.

—Pof. White has accepted the position of Pastor of the Stone Church for a year.

—The subject for the Seventeenth Soper Prize Thesis for the Class of 1910 has been announced as: "The Relation of Protection to Crises."

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

According to the action of the Student Body, as taken in last Saturday's meeting, the following resolution has been sent to A. C. Soper, '67:

Mr. Alexander C. Soper, '67,
Lakewood, New Jersey:

We, the undersigned, in accordance with the action taken in the meeting of the College body, Saturday, May the ninth, do hereby transmit the vote of thanks and sincere appreciation for your recent gift, the College Bowling Alleys. They fill a long-felt want. That they are in constant use during the open hours is the best indication of their appreciation by the student body.

A. H. HOLLEY, Pres. '08,
C. M. MCLEAN, Pres. '09,
S. A. SHERWIN, Pres. '10,
DON R. SIDLE, Pres. '11.

Saturday, May the Ninth.

COLGATE, '10, DEFEATED.

The Sophomores defeated Colgate Sophomores on Wednesday by 5—3.

HAMILTON

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Lloyd 2b.	2	0	0	1	4	1
Deimel cf.	3	0	1	1		
Sarles p.	3	2	0	1	1	1
Titus ss.	4	2	2		1	1
Lovenguth 3b.	4	0	2	1	2	
Leavenworth c.	4	1	0	8	3	1
Hall 1b.	4	0	1	12		
Burns lf.	4	0	1	2		
Wills rf.	2	0	0	1		
	30	5	17	27	11	4

COLGATE

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Charlton rf.	5	0	2	1	1	
Levy 2b.	5	0	0	6	0	1
Grane 1b.	4	0	1	4	0	3
Dobbins lf.	4	0	1	4	0	3
Kronenbey 3b.	4	0	1	0	1	0
Collister ss.	4	0	0	1	2	0
Reynolth p.	3	1	0	0	4	0
Harner cf.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Woodman c.	4	1	2	11	2	0
	37	3	8	24	10	4

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The esteem for oratory should be increased. It is Hamilton's boast, and it ever should be. It deserves more serious attention. The old ideals should be retained, all of which is but to say that the "waving slides" should be permitted to depart.

To teach an art, which by its very nature is so inexact, so subtle and so complex, by formulating hard and fast rules and compelling an obedience to them, is an unconscionable as well as a fruitless labor.

It's like trying to learn to write by memorizing the various maxims which rhetoric books lay down. Of course no one will dispute that all of the arts are capable of more or less exact study. One who would be a poet, but who does not understand or appreciate the complexities and technicalities of verse form, could at best be a Walt Whitman. But even Walt Whitman is preferable to a mere grammarian. Occasionally he performs a feat which the Cavalier poets never could do—carries us away with him. I do not say, then, that all rules of speaking should be abandoned, but I am sure that the abstract memoriter drill in expression is an inefficacious waste of time. Of course, teach the Freshmen rules, but teach them to them, incidentally or collaterally, to that which they are to govern. Ferocious drill-masters, implacable example, and persistent emulation, it is respectfully submitted, alone can make a speaker. Nor am I in the least an iconoclast. "Hamilton speaking," from the very inception of its fame, has never been acquired in any other way. And for years Mandeville has been retained much as England keeps her King. Never let our Hamilton oratory depart! But the rules, which are neither understood nor applied to it, should be relegated to the limbo of unused things. Let the old enthusiasm for speaking be revived and kindled anew. But if there ever was a study that in its nature is inspirational and that should be free from dry instruction, it is this one.

Woolcott's book reviews sound quite professional and able.

It is time, however, that I should come to an end.

LLOYD PAUL STRYKER, '06
New York Law School.

—Prof. James Robinson, formerly instructor of Latin here, lectured last evening in the Chapel on: "Roman Life Thru Roman Letters."

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